

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, §
§
Plaintiff, § C.A. C-07-185
v. §
§
ALMA G. GONZALEZ, §
§
Defendant. §

ORDER STRIKING PLEADING (S)

The clerk has filed Plaintiff Alma G. Gonzalez' "Original Answer to Plaintiffs (sic) Original Petition" (D.E. 4) however, it is deficient in the area(s) checked below:

1. Pleading is not signed by, or by permission of, attorney-in-charge.(LR5.2)
2. Pleading is not in compliance with LR11.3.A(1) through (6)
3. Caption of the pleading is incomplete (LR10.1)
4. No certificate of service, or explanation why service is not required (LR5.4)
5. No statement re: conference w/opposing counsel/party (LR7.1D)
6. Separate proposed order not attached (LR7.1C)
7. Motion to consolidate is not in compliance with LR7.6
8. Other: Defendant attempts to "enter a general [d]enial" in her Answer (D.E. 4, ¶ II). A "general denial" is not permitted in federal court. See, e.g., United States v. Sifuentes, 2005 WL 3627339, *1 (W.D.Tex. 2005) ("in federal court, general denials are ordinarily improper ... the answer in federal court must specifically admit or deny each allegation in the complaint."); see also Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(b).

The clerk is hereby ORDERED to strike the above instrument (s) from the record and notify counsel or the appropriate *pro se* party of such action.

Dated: June 12, 2007



JUDGE PRESIDING